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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Before The Honorable Sallie Kim, Magistrate Judge

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

SHAUN W. BRIDGES,

Defendant.

NO. CR. 15-00319 RS (SK)

San Francisco, California

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4 **THE CLERK:** Calling Case Number CR. 15-319, U.S.A.
5 versus Shaun W. Bridges.

6 **MS. HAUN:** Good morning, Your Honor. Kathryn Haun,
7 for the United States. I'm joined by my colleagues,
8 William Frentzen and Richard Evans. Mr. Evans is from the
9 Public Integrity Section, Main Justice, Washington, D.C.

10 **MR. EVANS:** Good morning, Your Honor.

11 **THE COURT:** Good morning.

12 **MR. LEVIN:** Good morning, Your Honor. Steven Levin,
13 on behalf of Mr. Bridges, who is standing to my right.

14 **THE COURT:** Good morning. I understand that we're
15 here on an arraignment for a felony Information. Is that
16 correct?

17 **MR. LEVIN:** It is correct.

18 **MS. HAUN:** Yes.

19 **THE COURT:** And Mr. Levin, do you have a copy of the
20 information for your client?

21 **MR. LEVIN:** I do, Your Honor.

22 **THE COURT:** Okay. Mr. Levin [sic], the U.S. Attorney
23 has charged you in an Information with certain felony offenses.
24 I'm going to ask Ms. Haun to summarize those, and the maximum
25 penalties.

1 **MS. HAUN:** Yes. Mr. Bridges has been charged in a
2 two-count Information, Your Honor. The first count that
3 Mr. Bridges is charged with is a violation of Title 18,
4 United States Code Section 1957. That is money laundering.
5 And if convicted of that offense, the maximum penalties the
6 defendant faces are a 20-year term of imprisonment; a \$250,000
7 fine, or twice the gross gain; a three-year term of Supervised
8 Release; restitution and forfeiture; and a \$100 Special
9 Assessment.

10 The defendant is also charged in another count of the
11 felony Information with a violation of Title 18
12 United States Code Section 1512. That is obstruction of
13 justice. And the maximum penalties for that offense are the
14 same that I just recited for the prior count. Of course, those
15 would be per that count. So again --

16 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

17 **MS. HAUN:** -- would apply.

18 **THE COURT:** Okay. Thank you. Mr. Bridges, do you
19 understand the nature of the charges, and the nature of the
20 potential maximum penalties against you?

21 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

22 **THE COURT:** Okay. Mr. Bridges, you have the
23 constitutional right to be charged with the Grand Jury. The
24 U.S. Attorney has filed an Information, and you can waive the
25 Grand Jury if you choose to do that. If you do have a Grand

1 Jury -- and my understanding is that you're going to waive it
2 today. Is that correct?

3 **THE DEFENDANT:** That's correct, Your Honor.

4 **THE COURT:** And, Mr. Levin, have you signed the
5 paperwork for that?

6 **MR. LEVIN:** We have, Your Honor.

7 **THE COURT:** Thank you. And, Mr. Levin, is this
8 your -- I mean, Mr. Levin, this is your signature.

9 Mr. Bridges, is this your signature on this?

10 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes.

11 **THE COURT:** And I find that the waiver of Indictment
12 is knowingly and voluntarily made by Mr. Bridges, the
13 defendant, and I accept the waiver. And the record should
14 reflect that the defendant has waived the Indictment.

15 Are you ready to enter a plea at this time?

16 **MR. LEVIN:** We are, Your Honor.

17 **THE COURT:** And what is that plea?

18 **MR. LEVIN:** Mr. Bridges pleads not guilty.

19 **THE COURT:** Okay. A plea of not guilty will be
20 entered. And the record should reflect the defendant is now
21 arraigned.

22 **MS. HAUN:** Thank you.

23 **THE COURT:** Is there anything else that needs to be
24 done today?

25 **MS. HAUN:** No, Your Honor. The defendant is going to

1 be pleading guilty to the Information. Our understanding is --
2 for a change-of-plea hearing this afternoon before
3 Judge Seeborg at -- Ms. Hom, is that -- do you have 2:00 or
4 3:00? We were checking.

5 **THE CLERK:** I was told it was set for 3:00 o'clock.

6 **MS. HAUN:** 3:00 o'clock, specially set, Your Honor.

7 **THE COURT:** Okay. All right. So, given that there's
8 nothing more, we're done with this matter. Thank you.

9 **MR. LEVIN:** Thank you, Your Honor.


10 **THE DEFENDANT:** Thank you, Your Honor.

11 (At 9:40 a.m. the proceedings were adjourned.)

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22 nor otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

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January 12, 2018

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